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SUBJECT: FRG RATIFICATION OF COUNCIL ACT ON DIRECT  
ELECTIONS TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

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1. FRG LEGISLATION PERMITTING RATIFICATION OF THE  
COUNCIL DECISION AND ACT OF SEPTEMBER 20, 1976 WAS  
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE BUNDESTAG ON JUNE 16, AND THE  
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BUNDESRAT GAVE ITS APPROVAL TO THE RATIFICATION LAW  
ON JUNE 24. ACCORDING TO A FONOFF SOURCE, THE  
GOVERNMENT EXPECTS THAT PRESIDENT SCHEEL WILL NOW MOVE  
QUICKLY TO NOTIFY THE COUNCIL OF FRG  
RATIFICATION.

2. AS REPORTED REFTTEL, THE GOVERNMENT HAD SUBMITTED A

PACKAGE OF THREE DRAFT LAWS TO THE BUNDESTAG  
(RATIFICATION OF THE COUNCIL ACT, A DRAFT ELECTION  
LAW, AND A LAW CONCERNING THE STATUS OF THE DEPUTIES).  
THE ORIGINAL PLAN HAD BEEN FOR ALL THREE BILLS TO BE  
ADOPTED SIMULTANEOUSLY.

3. THE DISPUTE AMONG THE PARTIES OVER WHETHER ELECTION  
LISTS SHOULD BE PREPARED ON A FEDERAL OR A STATE BASIS  
(REFTEL) CONTINUES, THUS MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE TO  
COMPLETE ACTION ON THE ELECTION LAW ITSELF BEFORE  
FALL. THE DECISION TO BREAK THE RATIFICATION LAW OUT  
OF THE PACKAGE AND MOVE AHEAD ON IT AT THIS TIME IS A  
REFLECTION OF A BELIEF BY THE FRG THAT THIS ACTION  
WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE MOMENTUM WITHIN THE COMMUNITY  
FOR EARLY RATIFICATION BY ALL MEMBER STATES.  
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